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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/004,738	Applicant(s) STIEBER ET AL.	
	Examiner Andrew Joseph Rudy	Art Unit 3627	

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 15-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 15-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2-9 and 15-21 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 2-9 and 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 15, lines 3-4, the phrase "for processing notes including sorting" is not clear syntax. Clarification is required.

Claim 15, lines 9-10, the phrase "for processing coins including sorting" is not clear syntax. Clarification is required.

Claim 15, last paragraph, line 4, the phrase "are brought together" is not clear. From the descriptive portion of the specification, [0016] and [0023], the term "coupled" is used. However, the phrase "brought together" does not fully correspond with the meaning of coupled. Clarification is required.

Claim 15, last paragraph, line 8, the phrase "a visual display" is not clear in juxtaposition to "a visual display" from line 6. As understood, there is but one visual display, e.g. 30, disclosed by Applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 2-9 and 15-20, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amos, US 6,554,184 in view of Watanabe, US 4,733,765 and further in view of Richardson, US 6,028,764.

Applicant is directed towards the previous Office Action, paragraphs 3 and 4. Applicant's REMARKS have been reviewed, but are not convincing. The amended claim language is not clear. As is, the Examiner cannot fully ascertain the meets and bounds of the claim language. Regarding the capability to receive or dispense coins/notes claim language, this has broadened the scope of the claim language. As is, if one inadvertently pushed a note/coin in a coin/note dispensing apparatus disclosed by the above references, it would have the capability to receive what it was specifically designed for. Also, the system of Amos, in view of Watanabe and Richardson, as understood, are brought together.

5. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement has been reviewed. It is noted that US 6,028,764 was already noted from the Office Action dated October 4, 2005. Note the attached PTO-1449.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 703-308-7808 (after April 13, 2005, 571-272-6789). The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on 703-308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A' and 'R'.